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NALF on the move in '96



Here are some of the actions which are underway....

The national Plebiscite Education Campaign For Self-Determination: The national coordinator of this campaign is Sister Muhjah Shakir. She reports that there is on-going activity in the Bay Area where she is based. Efforts are progressing towards forming coalitions with various other community groups to broaden the involvement of

the masses of people. The NPECSD is open to individuals and organizations working for the spiritual, cultural, political and economic uplift of the African community in the united states of america. As the growing awareness of our status in the u.s.a. as a national minority sweeps throughout the Black Nation, it is necessary that we support the NPECSD as we build a consensus towards a national vote to determine how our people

want to express our historically denied rights to self-determination. The Front is calling on everyone, regardless of how you refer to yourself (Nubian, Lost-Found Nation, 5%, African-American, etc., etc.) To contact the NPECSD headquarters for more information at this address: NPECSD P.O. Box 3585, Oakland, CA. 94609. Or phone & fax # (510) 635-7933.

The CBC PPPOW Initiative: Sister Nkechi continues to spearhead a small lobbying team consisting of members and supporters of various Front organizations based in Banneker City (Washington, D.C. as it is called by our colonial oppressors). The CBC has indicated an interest in working out with the team some form of hearing concerning the COINTELPRO activities of the u.s.a. government and how they contributed to the presence of large numbers of pp/p.o.w.s in america's prisons. This hearing would take place in September of this year, during the annual CBC week of activities. Staff representatives from CBC offices have recommended a national letter writing campaign to all members of congress regardless of party affiliation or race. They have also suggested we focus the campaign on Rep. John Conyers as a key target of our letters. It is felt his influence will push other CBC members off the fence and into our camp.. Mumia Abu-Jamal and his support group

are supporters of the CBC Initiative, and Mumia has been asked to write something about the importance of this project.

The Campaign For New African Human Rights and Self-Determination: This project which will culminate at the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta, GA. It is gathering momentum under the inspired leadership of Dr. Makungu Akinyela. Direct action oriented volunteers are needed in Atlanta beginning the week of July 1st through the end of the Olympics on August 4th. The plan is to flood Atlanta with leaflets during that period. Other direct action of an undisclosed nature will also take place. Volunteers are asked to bring sleeping bags. The Olympic Planning Committee has decided to fly the confederate flag conspicuously throughout the Olympics. To counter this, organizations and volunteers are asked to bring or send as many of the national liberation flags (red, black & green) as possible. The plan is to saturate Atlanta with these flags to announce our presence and as a counter to the confederate flag. For more information call the NAPO Center at 770-288-9880.

The following is a copy of the letter we are asking everyone to send to members of congress urging them to convene hearings on the impact of the COINTELPRO in creating political prisoners and political exiles. All letters to members of the congress need only to have their name and Washington, D.C. on the envelope and they will receive it.

Honorable Member of the U.S. Congress:

regarding the Randy Weaver-Ruby Ridge incident. However, unfortunately, for those who were victims of COINTELPRO, the Senate's Church Committee failed to offer or provide a remedy. Many of those COINTELPRO victims, whom Ambassador Young identified as political prisoners, today, languish in prison. At this very moment, Mumia Abu-Jamal sits on death row in Pennsylvania accused by members of the Philadelphia police department of a crime he didn't commit. Others are forced to live outside the country in exile, far from their friends and families.

I am part of a nation-wide appeal to the members of the U.S. Congress to open investigations and hearings on the role of the FBI and other police agencies in the assault on political organizations and activists in general, and in particular their devastating effect on the Black freedom movement during the 1960s, 70s and 80s and today. COINTELPRO was a coordinated government campaign to destroy the Black nationalist movement mainly. Under the FBI's COINTELPRO, hundreds of activists across the country were murdered, jailed or driven into

exile. It is hoped these hearings will also expose the corresponding damage done to the Black communities across the country as the result of the illegal excesses committed by governmental agencies under the guise of protecting the security of this country.

In closing, I urge you as a member of the U.S. Congress to support this appeal and to use your considerable influence to convene hearings as soon as possible to investigate these matters.

Respectfully yours,

On the Three Phase Theory for National Independence

BY JALIL A. MUNTAQUIN

The First Phase
Class Struggle for National Unity

It is a well-established fact that without a revolutionary theory there cannot be a successful revolution. This premise is based on the ideal that a pragmatic scientific hypothesis must exist when two contending forces or people confront each other in an incompatible social system struggling to determine the future of their socioeconomic and political existence. Hence, revolution can be equated as the socioeconomic and political evolution of human development when resolving contradictions based on a power matrix. This is especially important when considering the contradictions which exist between the haves and have nots, and white supremacy as presently practiced in the United States. In this regard, a theoretical proposition serves to analyze the basic and general conditions which identify and explain various aspects of national oppression, and the best methods to confront and defeat such national oppression. It is then important to have some idea of the actual goals or objectives to attain in a struggle opposing the capitalist elite. Of course, this should be based on historical determinants which serve to preserve the psycho-cultural and historical foundation of a people's existence.

We are an African people. That is a fact, a reality that should not be negated, but rather adamantly affirmed; and through the course of the struggle grow to become a significant aspect of the process of overcoming national oppression. The Three Phase Theory for National Independence is the pragmatic-scientific hypothesis for the New Afrikan Independence Movement (NAIM). The 3PT-NI analyzes the various aspects of the socioeconomic and political condition that New Afrikans suffer in the United States, offering means and methods to combat national oppression towards the specific goal of national independence.

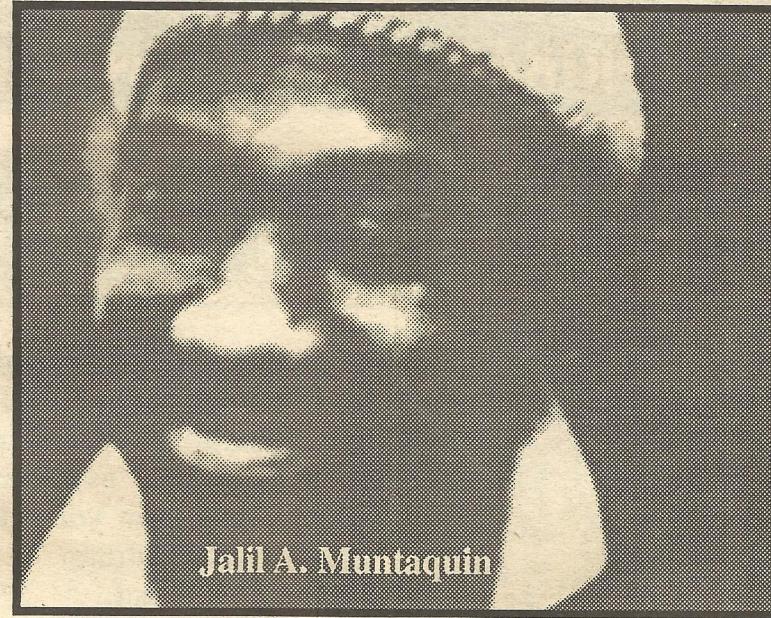
Our revolutionary theory is strategically divided into three tactical phases, each phase with a

theme that speaks directly to the tactical goal within a national strategy.

The first tactical goal in accord with the theme is Class Struggle for National Unity, of which we hypothesize that we Afrikans in America, as a nation of people, are

community. Therefore, 95% of our people's annual purchasing power serves and supports the interest of the capitalist elite that maintains our national oppression. In essence, we financially support our own oppression when we fail to create socioeconomic and political goals

that



divided into classes. Due to class divisions, which are part and parcel of the manner in which the U.S. colonial government keeps the entire population divided (and conquered); we are unable to confront our national oppressors with the required national unity and strength to demand an end to such national oppression. It is argued that we must engage in class struggle within our oppressed nation to forge tactical levels or degrees of national unity toward the strategic and ultimate goal of national independence. The class struggle must be based on the historically derived psycho-cultural, socioeconomic and political conditions which have New Afrikans divided. The class struggle must seek to evolve national unity for specific tactical goals to strengthen our capacity to engage our national oppressors. Such tactical goals as Black community control of the various agencies and resources that determine the quality of life for our people, are issues that in class struggle for national unity, the 3PT-NI advocates.

Consistent with the development of the First Phase - Class Struggle for National Unity, it is extremely important to identify the various classes, and those individuals or groups in our oppressed nation who oppose national unity and/or the goal that the U.S. colonial government will use to hinder our class struggle for national unity.

The U.S. colonial government will do this so it can continue to exploit and reap exorbitant profits from our people's menial, manual, and professional labor. For the most part, as an oppressed nation, we continue to be a reserve labor force for the U.S. colonial government labor market. As such, the majority of our people are mere laborers and consumers with an annual purchasing power of \$350 billion, of which less than 5% are used for the benefit and improvement of the Black

strengthens our capacity to be emancipated and independent.

The 3PT-NI presents a theoretical political position that ensures our people's labor and wealth return to the Black community, and is used to benefit our strategic goal of national independence. The 3PT-NI argues for the building of a national front comprising the most revolutionary politically developed groups and organizations to implement national strategies consistent with the theoretical proposition. It is alleged within the national front a revolutionary process will evolve that will serve to unify and consolidate NAIM's ideological and political determination.

As an example, the New Afrikan Liberation Front (NALF) has adopted the 3PT-NI, and forged national campaigns which various revolutionary formations which are part of the NALF are implementing.

On February 13, representatives of NALF and NYC Coalition to Free Mumia Abu Jamal met with staff members of the Congressional Black Caucus in Washington, DC, regarding CBC convening hearings on COINTELPRO. The meeting was successful as several CBC staff personnel took an active position in support of the hearings. They suggested what steps should be taken to ensure the success of the campaign and the actual convening of the hearings. As of this writing, efforts are being made to secure a date to convene the hearings, possible during the CBC weekend of Sept. 11 - 14, 1996.

But much of this depends on our ability to continue to win CBC representatives and other members of Congress to support this endeavor. During the meeting it was argued that due to the right-wing conservative influence in Congress, and CBC budget cuts, it would be to the advantage of the campaign to expand its appeal to other congressional reps.

NALF has identified several CBC members who must be persuaded to actively support these hearings, particularly, John Conyers, who is a ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, as well as Bobby Scott and Mel Watt, who are members of the Judiciary committee. Also, Maxine Water and Charles Rangel have been identified as CBC members with influence who need to be convinced to be conveners of the hearings.

It has been learned an essential approach of how best to proceed in our continuing lobbying efforts is to refer to the initiative as proposing for an Update of the Church Senate Committee Report on COINTELPRO — 20 years later. In this way, reference is made to an existing congressional record where a congressional body condemned the FBI's COINTELPRO activities, but failed to establish remedies for those who had been victims of COINTELPRO. By virtue of the existence of political prisoners and political exiles, as a direct result of COINTELPRO and similar FBI activities, we will be able to establish the need for such remedies.

To strengthen our campaign and lobbying efforts, we have called upon all anti-imperialist and progressive social democratic forces to support this endeavor. It, therefore, behooves all of us to have our supporters get involved in a letter writing, phone/fax and personal contact effort to persuade congressional representatives and CBC members to convene these hearings. It is urged that the Black community and NALF's political and legal activists make direct appeals to their congressional representatives and demand they convene the Update of the Church Senate Committee Report on Cointelpro — 20 years later.

NALF also ask that copies of letters in this matter be sent to NALF Administrative Unit, P.O. Box 340084, Jamaica, New York 11434 or Fax (718) 949-3937. For supporters of NALF to learn more about what they can do in support of the campaign, or about the 3PT-NI contact the NALF Admin. Unit.

This is one aspect of the implementation of the 3PT-NI, as grassroots movements under the leadership of NALF petition and challenge Black government representatives to convene hearings on the existence of political prisoners and political exiles as a result of COINTELPRO. This campaign will permit NALF and revolutionary nationalists to explore and test the theoretical proposition and determine its validity. It will verify the need to establish a revolutionary theory that serves to enhance the development of a national revolutionary program and strategy. The First Phase — Class Struggle for National Unity is a comprehensive pragmatic approach to building and sustaining the NAIM.

(To be continued)

Pride, false pride and no pride at all

BY CHOKWE LUMUMBA

I was proud when Mahmoud Abdul-Rauf refused to stand for the United States national anthem. This was the same pride that so many of us experienced in 1968 when John Carlos and Tommie Smith raised clenched fists while the U.S. anthem was being played - after Carlos and Smith ascended upon the victors' podium having placed 3rd and 1st, respectively, in the 200 meter run. The stand taken by all three of these men were truly actions for which New Afrikans (Blacks in America) should be proud.

All three of these Brothers stood in defiance of white supremacy as personified historically and currently in every facet of life in the United States empire (U.S.A.). The United States of America is an empire which was founded by gangs of European whites and European colonialists who robbed the Red and Black nations already existing in America of their land, while they kidnapped millions of Afrikans from our Motherland. In the process of perpetrating these outrageous crimes, these white supremacists (racists) committed acts of genocide on the populations they robbed in America and on the populations they disrupted and kidnapped in Afrika.

Both the nations of Red peoples and the Black Nations who have been violated by these barbaric acts of white supremacy and oppression were robbed of the most precious human right of a people: the right to self-determination, i.e., the right to own, control and operate our own economic and social systems, and the right to govern ourselves. Equipped as we were before the invasion of white supremacy with self-development and self-government, we had no need to beg white folks for jobs, to suffer discrimination on these jobs and to work tirelessly for the opportunity to vote for elected officials who seldom can be trusted to act in our interest regardless of whether we vote for them or not. Without the priceless exercise of self-determination, we have been and remain victims of virtually every abusive and discriminatory practice known to humankind.

So when Carlos and Smith stood up on the heels of church bombings and police dogs attacking civil rights protesters in Birmingham, Alabama and following the assassination of New



Afrikan leaders in Jackson, Mississippi, New York and Memphis, this was symbolic resistance and we should be proud of what they did.

This is no less true when Abdul Rauf (formerly Chris Jackson from the Mississippi Gulf Coast) refused to stand for a flag which he correctly identified as a symbol of tyranny and oppression.

Those who take issue with Rauf's characterization of the U.S. flag either don't know the truth or are trying to hide it. Neither the U.S. empire nor the flag that represents it were born of universal freedom struggle or of a process that recognized the humanity and rights of all humankind. It was in 1776 that the U.S. empire declared its independence with lofty words of recognition of equality for all mankind. The new empire did not include women in this declaration and this omission was no oversight. It was an accurate statement of the empire's sexist position. Moreover, despite its claims to recognize universal equality of men, the new empire would guarantee in its 1789 constitution, the slave trade for at least 20 more years, and guarantee without limitation the "right" of slave owners to the return of escaped New Afrikans. This same constitution defined the Afrikan as three-fifths of a human being for representation purposes. The top leaders of the "brave" new empire, George Washington and Thomas Jefferson (among others), owned a number of our enslaved ancestors.

During the War of 1812 between the United States and Britain, Francis Scott Key reportedly witnessed a battle at Baltimore, Md. (Maryland incidentally was a slave-holding state at the time). He is said to have seen bombs bursting in the air and yet the American flag was still there. It was from this experience that Key is said to have written the Star Spangled Banner, which is now the U.S. nation anthem. At the time slavery was still the law. So the U.S. flag was without question a symbol of a slave empire. The

stars on this symbol stood for and still stands for the states in the empire — none to which the empire has any legitimate claim. Each of the bars stand for the original 13 colonies of this white empire. Each of these states, old and new, came into the possession of the U.S. empire by way of lawlessness (i.e. theft, dishonoring treaties, violation of self-determination rights of non-white nations, murder, purchase and/or annexation of stolen property etc.). Understanding this history leaves little question about the accuracy of Rauf's charge that the flag of the U.S. is a symbol of tyranny and oppression. Moreover understanding the context in which the Star Spangled Banner was conceived, it is easy to see why Rauf refused to stand for it.

What is difficult to understand is how sane people can take issue with Rauf's position. We are told of course that people have fought and died for freedom and for the empire's flag. What people? Whose freedom? Some of those who have died, we are told, are New Afrikans or so-called African-Americans. Careful study will disclose that neither the Afrikan freedom fighters who led revolts on slave ships, on plantations, nor those in the streets, schools, roads and elsewhere in the fifties, sixties and seventies during the civil rights and Black liberation movement were fighting for the U.S. flag, or the empire. They were usually fighting against the empire and its political agents and subdivisions for their freedom and that of their sisters and brothers and others oppressed by the empire.

Sure, Crispus Attucks was shot defending a revolution for the independence of rich white men who were content with leaving his people enslaved. Black soldiers fought in the first and second world war and other wars for the U.S. empire and then returned to the U.S. empire where many of them and other New Afrikans were lynched and terrorized politically, economically and socially

with the consent and often with the complicity of the empire's agents. Blacks fought in the civil war only to be betrayed afterwards by their northern "allies," and Black Buffalo soldiers were sent west on behalf of the empire to fight against the Red nations as the KKK and other white supremacists maimed and murdered thousands of New Afrikans in the very Black belt that these Black soldiers left. On more than one occasion, some confused Brothers and Sisters have fought for the "right" to serve the empire at war, in many instances tolerating multiple forms of discrimination and humiliation in order to be afforded the "opportunity" to serve.

While it is easy to sympathize with the suffering and bewilderment experienced by those New Afrikans who endured countless indignities in order to serve and die for the empire which oppressed them and their people, and to admire in many instances their great skill and ability, it is difficult to find any cause to be proud of their service.

Taking pride in service to that which neither serves you nor your people is at best false pride, and when this service is to an empire which not only does not serve you but is the primary violator of your human rights, then any pride found in serving it is not only false, it is foolishness and is no pride at all. Moreover, there certainly is no cause to honor or respect the empire or its symbols. To do so is to repeat the same mistake that the bewildered and misled have made.

In the spirit of those who have proudly stood or refused to stand in defiance of oppression, The Coalition for New Afrikan Self-Determination, which includes the New Afrikan People's Organization, the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement, the New Afrikan National Liberation Front, the Provisional Government of the Republic of New Afrika, the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America, the Committee to Free John B. Irving and numerous other organizations and individuals will rally in support of New Afrikan self-determination in Atlanta, GA. on July 27, 1996, during the Olympics.

This Self-determination Rally will occur at the Southwest Community Culture Center in Atlanta in the West End Area of Atlanta. It will begin at 4:00 PM. It is open to the public. Please call (601) 354-8731 or (404) 288-9880 for further information.

We will see you in Atlanta.

FREE THE LAND!

(Chokwe Lumumba is chairman of the New Afrikan Peoples Organization)

Orders to Kill: The Truth Behind the Murder of Martin Luther King

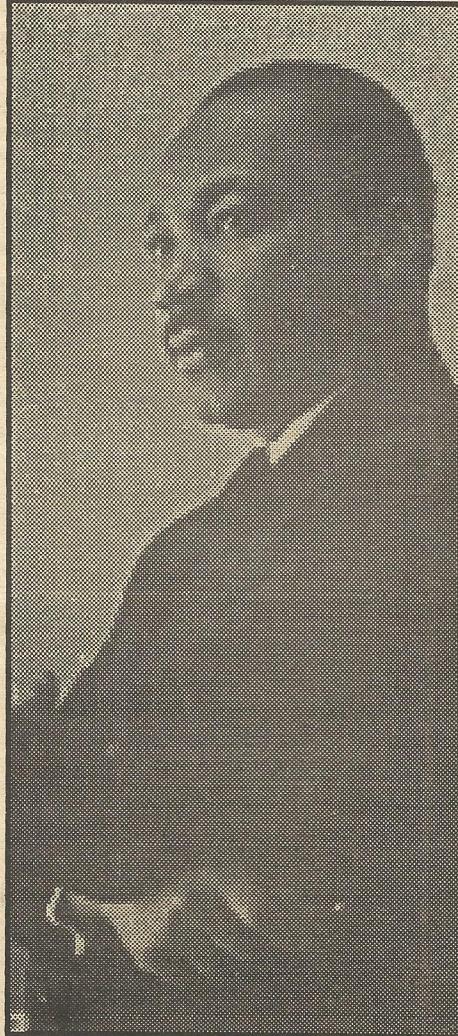
By William F. Pepper, Carroll & Graf Publishers, 1995 - pp.537

BY BRO. ZAYID MUHAMMAD

"And you sit there when they're putting a rope around your neck saying: 'Forgive them, Lord, they know not what they do.' As long as they have been doing it, they are experts at it!..." - Malcolm X,

The Last Message, (2/14/65)

If there is something that William Pepper's "Orders to kill" does, it is to make plain in elaborate detail how that truth that Malcolm tried to open our eyes to years ago played out in the assassination of the immortal nonviolent "drum major for justice," Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Pepper, who is currently the attorney for James Earl Ray, the wrongly convicted assassin of Dr. King, establishes several things in exhaustive detail important to serious students of the national security apparatus of the United States government; How James Earl Ray was set up to be the fall guy in the killing; how Ray was set up at one point to even be killed by organized crime in collusion with law enforcement while in a Missouri prison; how the cover-up of the actual conspiracy even included the House Select Committee on Assassinations deliberately misdirecting Congress, the courts and the public; how elaborate the actual plan, assassination and cover-up



citizens, since World War I. In terms of Martin Luther King, he asserts that King's family may have been under illegal Army surveillance for "three generations!" Pepper also establishes that surveillance is at least as exhaustive as both the FBI and the CIA. He asserts that in 1967: "The intelligence and security branch was...renamed the Military

Just think. If all of this was set against Martin Luther King, perhaps the most peaceful, nonviolent and patriotic person this racist, imperialist, sexist monster could ever produce, how much was set against the Black Panther Party/ the New Afrikan Independence Movement?

was and continues to be.

But what perhaps is most important about this work to the NALF, and anyone else serious about human rights anywhere on this planet, is what Pepper unearths that has only been minimally alluded to in the past few years and dismissed as such, and that is the role of the U.S. military in the conspiracy, or what Pepper himself calls "one of our nation's deepest, darkest secrets," and the implications it had and continues to have for any efforts to reconstitute a Black Liberation Movement and the continued occupation of the Black Nation.

Pepper establishes that the U.S. Army has been involved in domestic surveillance, spying on its own

Intelligence Branch, and it formed part of the U.S. Army Intelligence Command (USAINTC) based at Fort Holabird, Maryland. Fort Holabird is a ninety-six-acre military compound where by 1968 in a huge steel two-story room - one city block in length - was housed the Investigative Records Repository (IRR). The IRR then contained more than seven million brown-jacket dossier on American citizens and organizations, including subversive files on individuals who, according to army intelligence, were persons considered to constitute a threat to the security and defense of the United States'..."

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A "two-story room" ONE CITY BLOCK IN LENGTH! 7 MIL-

LION FILES! And that was back then in 1968! How about now? And this is supposed to be a democracy? But it doesn't stop there.

The Army also had intelligence and domestic counterinsurgency networks established in every major city in the country with elite military and civilian personnel!

So, for instance, if Dr. King, the case in point, was on a national speaking tour, in addition to the FBI, CIA and local police agencies "tailing him," the Army, through its own MIGs - military intelligence groups - would have him under extensive surveillance wherever he went! If anything "jumped off," whether it was set in motion by undercover provocateurs or not, the Army was mobilized to militarily "put it down."

Further, because the Army had and continues to have more resources at its disposal than the FBI, it is here that scores of Black undercover agents were developed and set in motion against the Black Liberation Movement, including the house negro agent, street organizations - par ex: The Invaders, who is exposed here and in Phillip's Melanson's *The Martin Luther King Assassination* as a plant in King's Memphis inner circle. This slime is on the scene as Martin is "hit" and is even pictured kneeling over Martin's dying body with Young and Abernathy.

The overall coordinating arm for this anti-democratic intrigue work by the Army is the U.S. Strike Command (CINCSTRIKE), "which could call upon all military forces on U.S. soil" for the purpose of responding to urban riots with "a moment's notice" capability. "Be all that you can be!" has included, and can include a lot more than just wearing the uniform, serving "your country" and getting job skills; it can mean turning your own people into your enemies!

In shattering the myth of interagency independence and there being hardly any coordination and collaboration between them, Pepper spells out that on the contrary, by April 4, 1968, there had been established a high level interagency structure. This structure came under the umbrella of the United States Intelligence Board (USIB).

Represented on this "Board" is the CIA, NSA, FBI, the Assistant Chief of Staff for intelligence (ACSI), the Army Security Agency (ASA), the above-mentioned USAINTC, the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA), ironically established under John F. Kennedy's Secretary of Intelligence and the Office of Naval Intelligence (ONI), one of the grandfather branches of modern U.S. counterintelligence.

In addition to the counterinsurgency presence established in Memphis for Martin Luther King, the military also had another covert operation afloat. Through its elite 20th Special

Forces Group (20th SFG), a special force of snipers identified by Pepper as Alpha 184, was set in motion with "orders to kill" Martin Luther King AND Andrew Young in Memphis on April 4 at the Lorraine if the first "hitter" failed!

The first action, however, coordinated between the FBI, organized crime, and the CIA scored. Martin Luther King was shot to death by a sniper at about 6 p.m. while on a balcony at the Lorraine Motel.

Just think. If all of this was set against Martin Luther King, perhaps the most peaceful, nonviolent and patriotic person this racist, imperialist, sexist monster could ever produce, how much was set against the Black Panther Party/ the New Afrikan Independence Movement?... You know, the rest of us?

Think about their perception of us now. Combine that with the additional factor of their hold on the best New World Order information



technology. How safe do you feel here with them?

If there ever was a need to hold Investigative Hearings on the impact of the counterintelligence Program on the Black Nation, then this is our smoking gun!

But we should be strategic in trying to pull this off. Any serious critic of the U.S. government is likely to be put under this kind of surveillance — Black, Brown, Red, Yellow or White! How can any such surveillance done to the tune of probably billions of tax-paying dollars annually, be considered democratic? I mean, check it out, did you vote for this? Do you want this taken out of your paycheck? So whether you are Black or not, you should write your congresspeople, whoever they are, and challenge them to support and participate in any hearing that the Congressional Black Caucus calls. They may have to cut all of this out of the federal budget while they are at it!

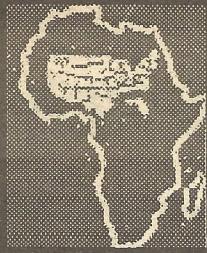
Free Mumia!

Free All Political Prisoners!

Free The Land!

For more information, about how you can help the Congressional Black Caucus set up hearings on the Counterintelligence Program.

Call the NY Mumia Hotline:
212. 330.8029.



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Editorial -

Free the Land, brothers and sisters!

In May, we were very busy organizing events in celebration of the 71st birthday of Brother Malcolm. On the morning of the 19th we made the pilgrimage to Brother Malcolm's gravesite. That evening we had our annual tribute to political prisoners (if Malcolm were alive today, he would surely be a political prisoner). The theme this year was AT WAR: COINTELPRO and Black Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. Running through each speaker's comments was: ORGANIZE!! ORGANIZE!! ORGANIZE!! That's what we want to talk about — organizing ourselves into a strong, united body with the will and the power to defeat this beast that has waged war against us Black folk for over 400 years.

The New Afrikan Liberation Front exists to bring together all nationalist organizations as a united body — working together for the liberation of our people. The Front doesn't strip organizations of their particular agenda and focus, but presents a united front to our enemies in our struggle for land, independence and reparations.

The New Afrikan Liberation Front focuses on the NATIONAL QUESTION. There are of course NATIONAL projects which all are expected to support and promote in their present communities. One such project is the present drive to get the Congressional Black Caucus to open hearings on the role of the COINTELPRO in destroying the Black liberation movement and the devastating impact of COINTELPRO on our communities in general. We MUST work vigorously to liberate our warriors from the devil's jails. Brothers Geronimo Pratt, Jalil Muntaquin, Sekou Odinga, Sundiata Acoli, to name just a few have been incarcerated over twenty years — parole nowhere in sight — mostly on false and fabricated charges. One of our finest minds and dedicated souls, Mutulu Shakur, is chained in a super-horror, super-max dungeon in Florence, Colorado. All of them have helped form the Front. Brothers behind the walls write regularly supporting the formation and strengthening of a Front. All of us have to make the Front a reality and give it strength.

United under a strong liberation front, we can force the USA to recognize and admit the existence of political prisoners in her prisons and we can force the USA to grant them amnesty or some other form of relief from the cruel sentences they are now serving.

We quote from the "call" for the New Afrikan Liberation Front: "Today the desire for self-determination continues within the New Afrikan People. That desire has been heightened toward a mass movement of our Nation for sovereignty, land, and independence... In that spirit we... have come together to present to the world a New Afrikan Liberation Front committed to the freedom of our people and our land."

LET US COOPERATIVELY FREE THE LAND!!

Reparations Yes!

New York City will become a "Reparations Yes! City." Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Jackson and other cities in the United States will join the campaign.

This is in the context of declaring months as "Human Rights & Self Determination Month," and arises from the Republic of New Afrika's discussion of an Olympic demonstration in Atlanta. It also relates to the intense campaign to inform people about the independence movement in preparation for the Republic's October National Elections.

In Atlanta, the Republic suggests that "Human Rights & Self-Determination

Month" be July. In New York, the month should be October; the U.N. General Assembly goes into session at the end of September. Citywide support is needed to pressure the General Assembly. In all other cities, the Human Rights and Self-Determination Month should be October, the same month as the RNA elections. In Banneker City, even though the enemy's nominating party conventions will have already occurred, a massive showing in the U.S. capital, making it a "Reparations Yes! City," has tremendous promise for impacting around the world.

In October, in addition to getting out a large vote, with key issues on the ballot

(reparations in its true repairing sense), each city should consider a major public demonstration at some point in the month. This is particularly true for Atlanta, New York Banneker City, and New Orleans / Baton Rouge.

During the Human Rights and Self-Determination Month, the Republic of New Afrika urges that all Black people display posters and green-red-and-black banners and wear ribbons and armbands of the same type. We should be able to initiate sewing cooperatives/business as to support this aspect of the Month.

These goals can be achieved three means:

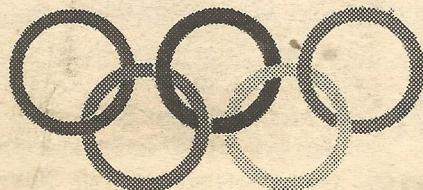
1. A schedule of educational leafleting /petition sessions leading up to the Olympics. These sessions would be held on the week of JUNETEENTH, the week of JULY 4TH, During the BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL, and the week

Self-determination Campaign

Target Atlanta Olympics

BY MAKUNGU M. AKINYELA

We are officially calling this the "Campaign for New Afrikan Human Rights and Self-determination." We are organizing as the Coalition for



New Afrikan Human Rights and Self-determination. We have tentative support from several parts of the movement and would like to be able to list, NCOBRA, PG-RNA and MXGRM under the Coalition. This call was first mandated by the New Afrikan Liberation Front which of course will be listed. We will double verify the others, but if anyone knows differently now please let us know.

This campaign should have three primary objectives:

1. Used as an opportunity to educate, agitate and organize New Afrikans in the Metropolitan Atlanta area, the Southeast and the US in general around the human right of New Afrikans to self-determination.

2. To educate New Afrikans about the political, cultural and social issues and conditions which are the bases for our right to self-determination.

3. To use the opportunity of the 1996 Olympics as an international forum to make the condition and struggle of New Afrikans known to the rest of the world.

These goals can be achieved three means:

1. A schedule of educational leafleting /petition sessions leading up to the Olympics. These sessions would be held on the week of JUNETEENTH, the week of JULY 4TH, During the BLACK ARTS FESTIVAL, and the week

just prior to the opening of the Olympics, JULY 10th. This leafleting and distribution of information will continue based on strategic planning into the Olympic period itself. Leafleting will be strategically planned to hit major parks and high population areas during this time. A planning committee is needed for this purpose.

2. On July 27, 1996, a People's Rally for self-determination is being planned. This rally will take the form of an educational Tribunal. At this rally, international comrades will be invited to give testimony. This should include, Native Peoples, Chicano/Mexicanos, Puerto Ricans, Hawaiians and others colonized by the USA. Leaflets on this should also go out.

3. Direct action campaign. Since the Olympics was slated to come to Atlanta, the question of the Confederate flag has loomed as a potential embarrassment. This is not the proper medium to discuss this issue. However, this can be the most significant aspect of the effort. We need volunteers who are young (at least at heart), disciplined, committed and who can work collectively. We need y'all to find volunteers to come to Atlanta.

These volunteers should get here at least a week before the Olympics. Sooner if possible. There is lots of work to do.

4. The campaign will function under three themes:

- a. "Welcome to New Afrika, the Black Colony of the USA!"
- b. "To Which Nation do You Belong?"
- c. "What About Our Human Rights?"

Flyers are being developed around each of these themes. In addition we are calling for a tremendous show of the RED BLACK AND GREEN. We are producing flags down here. We also need y'all to make flags to bring down and also tell other folk, spread the word to bring flags to display.

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NATIONAL DAY OF PROTEST TO STOP POLICE BRUTALITY

OCTOBER 20th AND 21st

Instead of protecting the public, police departments around the country are waging a campaign of violence and intimidation against the people in our communities.

In cities across the country, police kill unarmed people every day, yet the officers are rarely disciplined. The rampant burning of Black churches in the South have to be seen in the context of this officially sanctioned "Domestic Terrorism" that has been unleashed and escalated from an attack on individuals to an attack on the only institution the Black community can reasonably call its own. The USA president says there is no evidence of a conspiracy and while he mouths hypocritical offal at the site of one of these burnings and while other so called friendly groups contribute money to rebuild these churches, the rash of arson continues.

In New Orleans and Philadelphia, police were caught fabricating evidence and filing false reports in thousands of cases. Five years ago we witnessed the televised brutal beating of Rodney King. The Mark Fuhrman tapes gave us a glimpse of how widespread police murders, frame-ups and extortions

are. Today 25% of young Black men are caught up in the criminal justice system. Jails are being built instead of schools and hospitals, and politicians are promising to put more cops on the street and pass more fascist laws to put more people in jail. But who will protect us from the system?

Who will protect the people being routinely brutalized for being the wrong color or being homeless or poor? Who will protect our youth who are jacked-up, arrested or worse by cops for how they look and dress? Who will protect us from the abuse of power and political repression that has been sanctioned by the new federal crime bill and "anti-terrorist" laws? **IT IS UP TO US TO STOP THE EPIDEMIC OF POLICE ABUSE AND VIOLENCE!!!**

This fall, as politicians push anti-crime propaganda and laws and anti-rights legislation, we can strike a note of truth if we raise our voices loud enough and bring into the streets a message that cannot be ignored. On October 20th and 21st, people across the country are urged to fill the streets and demonstrate against the police brutality and the murder against our people.

For more information call the sponsors of the National Day of Protest at: 212.713.5084 or 213.739.0352

Philadelphia: NALF Formations Are On The Move

Philadelphia formations of the Front are co-sponsoring an African Family Day Picnic on June 29th. The brothers and sisters have also taken to the streets in the Philadelphia 'hood with a 15-question Grassroots Liberation Survey to check the mood of the folks regarding self-determination, nationhood and reparations. As soon as we receive the results of their survey we will print them here for your information.

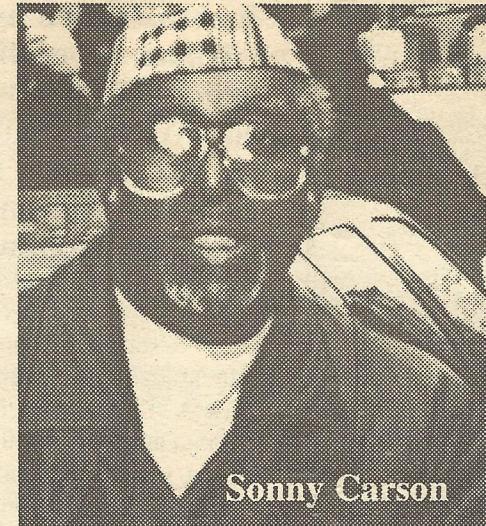
ODINGA - CARSON 'HOOD BRIGADE FORMED

New York -

In response to the rash of police-conducted assassinations of unarmed Black people who have not been accused of committing any crime, Sonny Carson and the Grassroots People's Movement (a coalition of several nationalist organizations) have announced the formation of a people's self-defense movement to take back the 'hood.

In an exclusive interview with Nation Time, Sonny, who is a long time fiery street activist, explained the need for a self-defense brigade. "I believe that where there is oppression, there must be resistance. All oppressed people must at some point in history become their own liberators, and I don't think the Black oppressed nation in the USA is any different. As a matter of fact, our 'hoods are under seige by racist killer cops," stated Carson.

The facts bear out what Sonny has said. Recently, in Brooklyn, the police executed an unarmed 23 year old young man, Aswon Keshawn Watson, in broad daylight while he was sitting in his car parked at the curb. Twenty-four rounds of ammunition was emptied into his body as he sat there unarmed, innocent of any crime and with his empty hands in plain view on the steering wheel. Eyewitnesses report that as



Sonny Carson

Watson sat there, the three rogue cops who opened fire on him were heard to say: "You are a dead nigger," as they began to pump bullets into him.

Omwale Clay, echoing Carsons sentiments, stated that, "Our 'hood is under seige by enemies of the people. These enemies must be driven out of the 'hood. Rogue killer cops, drugs, drug dealers and snitches must be taught a lesson of the greater fear."

The Odinga - Carson takes its name from Sekou Odinga, a soldier of the Black Liberation Army and a prisoner of war and Sonny Abubadika Carson who is a hero of the people's movement. The Brigade is open to all Black brothers and sisters who are prepared to devote their loyalty and trust to the leadership and goals of the Brigade.

On Mumia's case...

HUGE PHILA. RALLY SET JULY 4 FOR MUMIA

NEW EVIDENCE OF INNOCENCE SURFACES

Dramatic new evidence of police misconduct provides fresh hope for the movement to win a new trial for Mumia Abu-Jamal. A key eyewitness named Veronica Jones has revealed in a sworn declaration, dated May 21, 1996, that the Philadelphia police intimidated and coerced her into lying at Mumia's 1982 trial. Specifically, when called as a defense witness, Jones recanted her initial account that, after hearing shots, she had seen two men flee the scene where police officer Daniel Faulkner was killed. At least four independent eyewitnesses told the police that they saw someone flee the scene after hearing shots, but only one of these witnesses, Dessie Hightower, told this to the jury. Had Jones told the truth at the trial, her corroboration of Hightower's account would have soundly contradicted a central tenet of the prosecution's case — that only Faulkner, Mumia and Mumia's brother, Bill, were present. Jones' statement provides strong proof that the police did indeed conspire to frame Mumia. On June 12, 1982, about two weeks before she testified at Mumia's trial, Jones was arrested on major felony charges, including robbery and assault. Unable to make bail, she was in police custody at the time she testified. While in jail, two white plainclothes detectives visited: "They told me that if I would testify against Jamal and identify Jamal as the shooter, I wouldn't have to worry about my pending felony charges... The detectives threatened me by reminding me that I faced a long prison sentence — fifteen years... I knew that if I did anything to help the Jamal defense, I would face years in prison."

On May 22, 1996, Mumia Abu-Jamal's legal team, headed by Leonard Weinglass, asked the Pennsylvania Supreme Court to send the case back to the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas for a new hearing — before a judge other than Albert Sabo — at which Jones would testify. Mumia's appeal is now pending before the State Supreme Court, which does not hear testimony.

Jones' testimony emboldens Mumia's legal appeal for a new trial. But he seeks relief in a climate of corruption. You can help insure this new evidence is heard. We ask you to do two things.

1. Press for a New Hearing!

Write: District Attorney Lynne Abraham, 1421 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 686-8700/ (215) 686-8024 (fax)

2. Speak out on July 4th! July 2 and 3 will mark the 14th anniversary of Mumia's conviction and death sentence. On July 4th, people will rally in Philadelphia to intensify the pressure for a new trial. Come and bring friends.

In another development in the Mumia Abu-Jamal case, U.S. Magistrate Judge Kenneth Benson of Pittsburgh found that prison officials violated Abu-Jamal's rights by copying his mail and denying him access to media interviews. In his report, Judge Benson recommended an injunction against the prison system that would prevent officials from denying Mumia media interviews and block them from photocopying his legal mail. The Court, however, confirmed the prison system's retaliatory measures against Mumia for writing and publishing his book "Live from Death Row."

MUMIA ON TV: HBO PRIME TIME SCHEDULE

HBO, in association with Court TV presents **MUMIA ABU-JAMAL: A Case for Reasonable Doubt**, produced by Otmoor Productions, John Edginton and Sarah Teale. This breakthrough program is an in-depth investigation into the trial and death-row case of Mumia Abu-Jamal. This film is to air on HBO:

July 7	Sunday	10:00 pm
July 23	Tuesday	9:45 pm
July 24	Wednesday	4:05 am
July 26	Friday	3:15 pm

It will also air on Court TV on Thursday, July 11, at 9:00 pm, along with a debate on the legal argument for a retrial for Mumia featuring Mumia's lawyer Len Weinglass and former prosecutor Joseph McGill.

'Three strikes, you're out': Legalized genocide!

BY CHOKWE LUMUMBA

While some New Afrikans (Black persons born in the United States Empire) are preparing to run, swim, play basketball, wrestle, box and to perform various other athletic fêtes for the "American" Olympic team, the "American" legal system is preparing to incarcerate as many of these misguided athletes' sons, daughters, brothers, sisters, other relatives and friends as possible.



In fact the solution to the "race problem" or to the so-called over-population problem which the United States is not only preparing but actually implementing, is likely to eventually put more than a few of these hard-working pawns of run-a-race U.S. colonialism behind bars, in the gas chamber or the electric chair.

The solution the United States Empire has in mind is to incarcerate at least 4 million people (most of them New Afrikan and most of them men) by the year 2020, and then to prepare to further increase the skyrocketing incarceration rate from that point if any semblance of a self-respecting New Afrikan Nation still exists inside the U.S. and continues to grow after the year 2020 damage is done.

The incarceration of New Afrikans en masse has already profoundly affected our birth rate along with poverty, pathetic health care, dysfunctional education systems, AIDS (which some experts say was invented in a U.S. military laboratory), other infectious diseases, and U.S. sterilization programs. Simply put, the more New Afrikans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, and Indigenous Nations (Indian)

people they lock up or execute, the fewer babies we will have and productively raise. This tactic of locking us up or killing off our ability to reproduce will, the U.S. Empire hopes, offset predictions that the non-white population in the American Empire will exceed the white one sometime in the next century.

One of the tactics which will be used to accomplish our expected demise will be and is "three strikes legislation." These are laws which, like the one in California, legalize a genocidal scheme. The three strikes law in California would require any person being convicted of a third violation of state or federal criminal laws to be imprisoned for a minimum of twenty-five years and a maximum of life. In California, a person who has been convicted of only one violent offense receives such a penalty even if she or he has been convicted of no other violent crime. Persons who had already been convicted of two offenses when the law was passed are eligible for the three strikes sentence upon a third conviction, and there is no time limit. Thus a person who at age 13 was convicted of robbery, receives this mandatory sentence if he is convicted of stealing a car at age 17, and again convicted of cashing a bad check at age 40.

Already, hundreds of New Afrikans are victims of this genocidal sentencing scheme in California and elsewhere. If the contemporary racist and corrupt educational, economic and law enforcement practices continue in America, and they will until the crooks and the racists no longer have power over us, then these sentencing schemes will affect the New Afrikan community about 8 to 10 times more than they will affect the white settler communities in the United States. The incarceration rate of New Afrikans is about 8 to 10 times higher than it is for whites in the U.S.

At all stages of the process the New Afrikan is and will be treated less humanely than the white. Soldier Cops (police) are less likely to arrest whites than they are to arrest Afrikans for the same alleged offense; innocent New Afrikans are more likely to be arrested for crimes they did not commit (the any-Black-will-do mentality is still prevalent); prosecutors who are more likely to prosecute the New Afrikan than the white, are less likely to offer the New Afrikan as considerate of a deal as they offer to a white, and are more likely to use dishonest no-holds-barred tactics on the New Afrikan defendant.

The courts of the United States are more likely to be politically gerrymandered to the disadvantage of the New Afrikan, depriving him or her of a jury of his or her peers; are likely to give the New Afrikan more time and more severe sentences than whites; and the system is more likely to provide the New Afrikan with inadequate resources

SUPPORT FOR THE FRONT GROWS

Letters from different cities around the country show a growing interest in the Front and this office has been sending information on the Front when requested, but there has been a noticeable increase in the mention of the Front on the Internet. The mail we receive from behind the wall is quite impressive. To date there are more than 50 pieces of correspondence from inmates who have heard of the Front and want more information or in some cases they submit material for the paper. In every instance the brothers fully endorse and support the Front and the newspaper.

Nation Time feels that until our paper becomes more established and comes out weekly rather than quarterly, that the names and addresses of the brothers from behind the wall who write us should be turned over to the PPAPOW newsletter which comes out monthly. This would further make it possible for the newsletter to expand its range of contact and influence and could result in a larger network of supporters.

and less competent counsel to represent him or her in a criminal case. The media also plays a part. They are far more likely to demonize the New Afrikan defendant and New Afrikans who are not defendants than to afford the same treatment to whites.

The skyrocketing incarceration rate of New Afrikans began most recently in the 1960s and the 1970s, as the American federal, state and local governments sponsored various programs designed to crush the Black Liberation Movement. At the core of those incarcerated as a result of American government conspiracies to eliminate New Afrikan freedom struggle are over 200 political prisoners and prisoners of America's war against our movement and our people. These Brothers like Geronimo Pratt, Sundiata Acoli, Mutulu Shakur, Richard Mafundi Lake, Sekou Odinga, Albert Washington, Herman Bell, Kwabla Mthawabu and death row inmates Zolo Agona Azania and Mumia Abu-Jamal and numerous other New Afrikans are still incarcerated today as a result of their courageous stand against U.S. oppression and repression.

The crises that this predicament poses to our survival and liberation is well described by one of our political prisoners, Brother Jalil Abdul Muntaquin in the following observation: "Many recognize the 800,000+ New Afrikan men and women locked down is no accident... It has been projected that by the year 2,000 nearly 4 million New Afrikans will be imprisoned. Since we have a male population between the ages of 18-39 at 5.5 million, the genocidal implications of 4 million in prison at 2000 is profound. It has been estimated that our growth rate-mortality will be decreased to 2.1% by 2050, while all others will have grown by 2.5-5%. It doesn't take a genius to recognize the correlation between the high incarceration rate and the low birth rate."

Unlike those preparing to squander their skills and their resources for the United States at the Olympics this summer, Jalil was writing to encourage Brothers and Sisters across the empire to step up the campaign to demand the freedom of our political prisoners and prisoners of war. He was urging all to

support the work of the New Afrikan Liberation Front to win the Congressional Black Caucus' active support for congressional hearings designed to expose the abuses of the Counterintelligence program and other U.S. and state and local programs designed to destroy the New Afrikan Movement. These hearings will also be designed to bring about legislation granting the release of all political prisoners and prisoners of war who are incarcerated because of these programs. Jalil was also writing to support the 1996 Campaign for New Afrikan Self-Determination, which will culminate with a rally/tribunal on July 27, 1996, in Atlanta, Ga. At 5:00 PM at the Southwest Community Center at 1444 Lucille Ave. SW (one block west of Langhorne St.). Jalil's words were in effect offered to support our struggle for self-determination and not as another benefit to the empire which has robbed us of the right to self-determination for centuries. We should all be more like Jalil and less like those who run, jump, dance and otherwise display their considerable talents for an empire which has never paid us for hundreds of years of forced labor and continuous racial abuse.

Call Thandi at (404) 288-9880 or NAPO at (601) 354-8731 for more information on the New Afrikan Self-Determination Rally/Tribunal during the Olympics in Atlanta on July 27, 1996.

Call the NALF at (718) 949-5153 or (601) 354-8731 for more information on the campaign to free our Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War. Moreover, don't believe the hype. Neither more prisons, longer sentences or the growing use of the death penalty will stop crime or significantly reduce it. With the growth of the police state in our time, we continue to experience a growth in unacceptable criminal conduct. Crime and oppression are related. The police state does not halt crime, but perpetuates it. In fact, there is only one method to effectively eliminate crime — Revolution and the building of a New Society.

FREE THE LAND!!

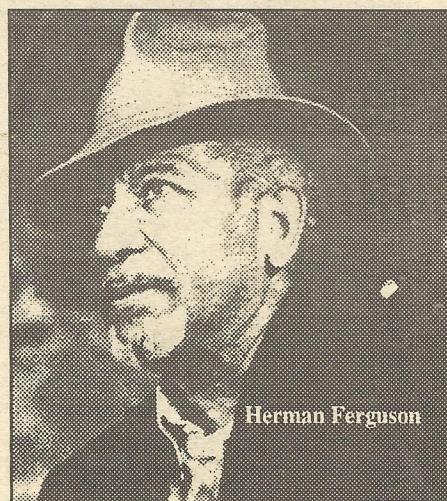
Thoughts on the Three-phase Theory of National Independence

One of the main problems with the Black revolution is that most of us have no clear revolutionary ideology and it seems each generation of Black revolutionaries is burdened with repeating the same mistakes of the preceding generation. Many lack a program and plan and have short sided outlooks. To combat this condition it is necessary to have a flexible broad protracted plan from which sound tactics are developed. This calls for an analysis of the Black Liberation Movement using a creative approach.

First, we begin with the fact that Black people are not only powerless, which is the condition of any oppressed people, but also underdeveloped because of the national character of their oppression. This leads to the logical question whether we are an oppressed national minority or an oppressed nation. The answer to this question is important because it will affect the conceptual framework through which we have to proceed towards national liberation and socialist revolution in Amerika. It then follows we must answer the question what is a nation?

Dr. Imari Obadele, in his book *AMERICA THE NATION STATE*, writes that a nation must have people and land. The people must have been fused together by shared experiences, from a shared perspective, over time (it evolves), they would have developed a common way of life, a common culture which would be structured by a common set of basic beliefs. These beliefs are usually facilitated by a common

language. Territory is essential for a nation, but a nation does not cease to be a nation because it lacks control of its land. Dr. Obadele points out that what counts is the people's beliefs, what they feel about their



Herman Ferguson

connection and right to a given piece of land. He then goes on to make a distinction between a nation and a state: The state is usually created for some one people. Its characteristics are 1) a common population, 2) a defined territory (land), 3) a government, & 4) the capacity to enter into relations with other states.

The problem in the USA, explains Dr. Obadele, is that the people of the subordinated Native Amerikans, New Afrikans and Puerto Rican nations have been denied the right to full information about this process of nation building, including the right to say NO.

Despite these constraints, Dr. Obadele makes the case that New Afrikans meet all the legal and historical requirements for nationhood and the absence of land we control is a non-deterrant to that status.

The Front sees the plight of the New Afrikans as an oppressed colonized nation suffering from nation, race and class oppression. Therefore our struggle is anti-capitalist, anti-racist, anti-imperialist and anti-sexist. Therefore, our

struggle at this stage must be for independence, land and reparations. We recognize there are class distinctions and contradictions in our struggle and at this stage it is still petty bourgeoisie in character. At the moment these contradictions are secondary because all Blacks regardless of class position face exploitation. We also understand that the division of oppression between euro-amerikans and New Afrikan is buffeted by a system of neo-colonization established and maintained by members of the New Afrikan nation who in essence are neo-colonialist agents of the oppressor nation government who seek to hide their true agendas behind such empty rhetoric as economic empowerment (Black capitalism) and Third Party politics, which at best are reformist measures designed to keep these assimilationist and cultural nationalists secure in their positions as tools of u.s. capitalist interests.

Once we arrived at an understanding of our history in relationship to the colonial (USA) government and its economic system of monopoly capitalism and imperialism, the next task of the Front was to adopt a practical theory to formulate a decisive working strategy by which to educate, organize and mobilize our oppressed New Afrikan nation for complete sovereignty and independence. It was agreed that the Three Phase Theory which was conceptualized by Jalil Muntaquin offered a clear historical analysis of our national oppression in racist capitalist Amerika. In Phase One of the theory (CLASS STRUGGLE FOR NATIONAL UNITY) a line of demarcation is drawn between programs and objectives of the forces for integration and those of us who consider ourselves separatists and who are engaged in an ideological and political struggle to gain control of our movement. The second phase

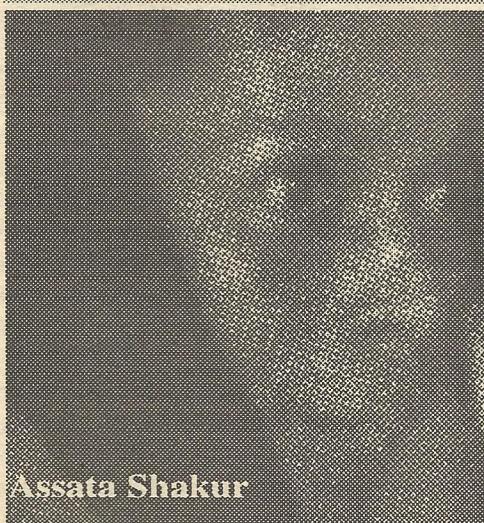
(NATIONAL UNITY FOR SELF-GOVERNMENT) builds on the first phase and begins to mobilize the New Afrikan nation for self-determination and self-government. The third phase (SELF-GOVERNMENT FOR NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE) calls for establishing a national political consciousness and socio-economic and cultural development for national independence. While phases one and two are for building and consolidating the movement, phase three is to fight for the national territory of KUSH, to win the war and free the land.

The Front working through various national projects based on the Three Phase Theory and the Principles of Unity, hope to provide a motivating factor in which it will be possible to play down sectarianism and heighten the prospect of united action among the many revolutionary nationalist organizations across the country. The Front offers this concept for the development of a national strategy which all authentic revolutionary nationalist organizations can embrace under the auspices of the Front in unity and struggle.

Beginning in this issue, Brother Jalil will present the first of three articles in which each phase of the Three Phase Theory will be examined fully in terms of content and the practical application of this theory in our present struggle for national independence. At the conclusion of the series it is hoped our readers will have a clear understanding of this fundamental document which informs and gives direction to the strategies, tactics, programs and activities of the Front. **FREE THE LAND!!!**

(By Herman Ferguson, Nation Time editorial board member.)

Assata Shakur speaks on her comrade Mumia: 'No one is safe!'



Assata Shakur

prisoner. I am here in Havana, Cuba at the Martin Luther King Center. And I am here to make an appeal to anybody and everybody who is able to hear or see this message. I am making an appeal for the life of Mumia Abu-Jamal, a political prisoner, a revolutionary who has been railroaded, who has been beaten, who has been legally lynched and who is now on death row.

Greetings, Peace and Love. My name is Assata Shakur. I am a political activist. I am a revolutionary. I am an ex-political

He has spent more than 13 years on death row, and his life still is in danger. His life still hangs on a thread. And my request is that anyone who believes in justice, who

believes in political justice, who believes in social justice, who believes in legal justice, save his life!

I urge you to make a commitment, a serious commitment, a commitment of the heart, a commitment of the fingers and the feet and the soul! — to struggle to save Mumia's life!

This is a man who spent his whole life struggling to tell the truth about the injustices in the United States. This is a man who spent his entire life struggling for social justice.

There is no case more important than the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal!

There has been a stay of execution. And the government thinks that we are going to fall asleep. The government is waiting for us to become distracted by other things.

But we cannot afford to fall asleep on this case. If we fall asleep, then Mumia may never wake up. If we fall asleep, then "we" may never wake up because Mumia represents the hope of all human beings who want justice on this earth, who want peace, who want liberation. Mumia's case represents all of those things. And we have to treat Mumia's case as if it were our own lives!

I am speaking for myself when I talk about Mumia. I think all the time "there but for the grace of God go I." And if they can successfully murder Mumia, then no political activist is safe. So I urge you to do everything! Everything you possibly can to fight for the liberation of Mumia Abu-Jamal!!

(Delivered 3/24/96)

NEW AFRIKAN POLITICAL PRISONERS AND PRISONERS OF WAR



SEKOU M. ABDULLAH ODINGA

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PERSONAL HISTORY

Date of Birth: June 17, 1944
Nationality: New Afrikan
Date of Incarceration: October, 1981
Length of Sentence: 40 years on Federal charges to be followed by 25 years to life on New York State charges.
Status \ Designation: Prisoner of War (captured while struggling for the liberation, land and independence of the Republic of New Afrika).

INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WORK

Sekou was a founding member of the International Section of the Black Panther Party, Algiers, Algeria and was an active supporter of all the progressive national liberation movements (ZANU, ZAPU, MPLA, SWAPO) during the late 1960s and 1970s.

USA GRASSROOTS/MASS ORGANIZING HISTORY

Grassroots Advisory Counsel (Queens, New York); OAAU (Organization of Afro-American Unity, N.Y., N.Y.) Black Panther Party (New York, USA; Algiers, Algeria) Black Liberation Army

U.S. GOVERNMENT CONSPIRACY

Sekou was in leadership in the New York Black Panther Party, as the FBI was attempting to destroy the Panthers by any means. In 1969, Sekou was framed in the New York 21 case (an unsuccessful prosecution by New York State of 21 Black Panther Party members), after which he went underground. After 12 years of clandestine work, he was captured in New York in 1981, where he was tortured and questioned for approximately six hours by U.S. law authorities attempting to gain information about Black Liberation Army soldiers. He was forced to spend over three months in the hospital recovering from the torture. At different points during this incarceration, Sekou has been punished simply because of his political conviction to struggle for liberation and independence of the New Afrikan nation.

Terrorists pass 'anti-terrorism' bill: legal rights go out the window

Because of its importance as another weapon in the arsenal of weapons the U.S. empire uses to oppress New Afrikans and to suppress our Liberation movement, we print here the analysis of the new Terrorism Bill by the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation.

WE LOST

The President signed the terrorism bill into law Wednesday, April 24, 1996, Public Law #P.L. 104-132. We lost the fight to keep the bill from passing, and in the process have lost some key safeguards to free expression and the right to dissent.

THE DANGERS IN THE TERRORISM LAW In sum, P.L. 104-132: GUTS STATE PRISONERS' CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS TO APPEAL. The habeas corpus right of state prisoners to appeal their cases to federal court has been effectively cut —



Nelson Mandela, terrorist?

even when they have good evidence of their innocence or having been wrongly jailed. Now prisoners will have to prove the state has acted "unreasonably" — a very tough standard. Further, prisoners have only a short time — a year usually — to request their one round of federal review.

DEFINES TERRORISM OVERBROADLY

The definition of terrorist activity is so broad (encompassing even threats to do property damage as long as they involve conduct in the U.S. and abroad) that activities of groups in any area of conflict around the world would fit the definition. The provision would make state and federal laws including murder and kidnaping but also illegal property damage now federal

terrorism offenses with higher sentences. In practice, the label inevitable will be used selectively and in a political way.

CRIMINALIZES HUMANITARIAN FUNDRAISING

The new law allows the Executive Branch great latitude to label groups "terrorist." The law bars fundraising even for acknowledged humanitarian assistance for groups even remotely affiliated with labeled "terrorist" groups, again inviting selective use, and violating First Amendment activity.

MAKES BANKS FREEZE U.S. ACCOUNTS OF "AGENTS"

The terrorism law requires banks themselves on pain of \$50,000 fine to identify domestic organizational or individual "agents" (not defined, and not necessarily members) of "terrorist" groups and freeze their funds, with no right of appeal or provision to unfreeze these assets. U.S. supporters of the African National Congress or CISPES groups would have had their organizations destroyed in the past if such a provision had existed.

FUELS ANTI-IMMIGRANT HYSTERIA

The law greatly reduces the rights of non-citizens to visit or stay

in the U.S., even in this non-immigration bill, by keeping people out of the country simply because of their membership in a prohibited group...by deporting legal immigrants using secret evidence, and not allowing them to confront their accusers when the U.S. seeks to deport them only because of their affiliation with an unpopular cause.

DROPS FIRST AMENDMENT PROTECTION OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The law explicitly removes the provision ... that First Amendment activity — peaceful dissent — could not be the basis of any federal law enforcement investigation.

We got a piece of that protection inserted into the last crime bill, and now it's removed without explanation or justification.

SWELLS FBI ANTI-TERRORISM COFFERS

The simultaneous billion dollar increase in funding for anti-terrorist work by federal law enforcement would counterbalance activists' efforts to expose, much less control, FBI and others' abuses. The right to dissent or advocate political change are at risk.

WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
ORGANIZE, ACT!

NAPO chief Lumumba beats back MS. lynching, Elliot Culp, 13, found not-guilty

Lexington, Mississippi -

Elliot A. Culp, the 13 year-old Black youth charged with the July 29, 1995 murder and robbery of Mary Roberts, a 64-years old white woman in Durant, Mississippi, was found not guilty by a Holmes County Circuit Court Jury on May 10.

Culp is the youngest person ever charged with Capital Murder in the State of Mississippi. Culp was charged with murder after he came to the Durant Police Station to report

that a white man attacked Roberts at her grocery store. While he was in the store, Culp said the assailant escaped in a blue car.

Several other persons reported observing the blue car leaving the area of the crime shortly after the attack occurred. Police, however, decided to disregard Culp's report after a brief investigation which revealed that a young white man named David Tullos was in the area and at the store at the time the offense occurred. The Durant Police investigation focused on gathering evidence against Culp.

Two young witnesses asserted at trial that they were pressured into creating and/or planting facts to

implicate Culp in the death of Mrs. Roberts.

At trial, Culp's defense handled by Attorney Chokwe Lumumba and California Attorney Eugene Jackson, Jr. argued that the evidence against Culp was weak, misleading and that little investigation had been conducted for the purpose of catching Tullos, the real suspect.

The defense also exposed major contradictions in the testimony of Demetrius Patterson, the State's main witness. Patterson claimed that he had witnessed Culp commit the crime. However, Patterson gave different versions of what he observed and where he was when he observed it.

Attorney Chokwe Lumumba, who is the Chair of the New Afrikan People Organization, stated that the Culp verdict was a major

victory for the family and the young man. Lumumba adds: "This verdict is also a triumph over thoughtless narrow-minded, advocates for wholesale execution and wholesale incarceration of our children. It is in fact a victory in the war against legalized genocide."

Lumumba said that the prosecutors in the Culp case attempted to galvanize the jury to convict Elliot Culp by appealing to misplaced paranoia against Black youths.

The attorney asserted that major revolution and establishment of economic, political and cultural independence for the Black community will curtail and eliminate crime. "The other alternatives are not geared to eliminate crime," Lumumba added, "but to eliminate us."

BR'KLYN pigs kill again

Brooklyn, NY -

Two weeks ago, three white pigs executed a 23 year-old Black youth sitting in his car. The lad had just come out of the barber shop and joined his car to move off.

Suddenly, a police car rushed up, rammed his vehicle and 3 pigs jumped out with drawn guns. One was heard to shout "You're a dead nigger," as they began to fire their weapons into him, although his empty hands were in plain view and he was making no effort to resist or get away. One pig dropped the clip from his gun, retrieved it from the ground, reloaded and continued to fire. Twenty-three rounds were discharged into his body. Back-up pigs quickly arrived on the scene and spirited the pig assassins away.

The body of the victim was also quickly removed before the EMS ambulance arrived on the scene. The crime scene was not cordoned off and there was no forensic or detective investigation done at the scene; no chalk outline showing the location and position of the victim or any of the normal type pig work done at the scene of a crime. When the car was searched there was no gun or other weapons found. Later, the pig brass said the car had been stolen. In fact, the car was registered in the name of the victim.

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attack on their community, which has become the norm here in Babylon. A coalition of organizations formed a Grassroots Coalition Movement and took to the streets in a carefully planned and well organized protest. Chanting "take back the hood" and other anti-pig, anti-oppression slogans, the large group marched through a mall where thousands of people shop and work distributing leaflets and using a bullhorn to exhort the marchers and the crowds on the street. Prior to hitting the streets the protesters had been given instructions concerning security, behavior and had been broken down into smaller groups with a group leader. The large group moved through the streets and used various tactics to confuse the pigs who were monitoring the demonstration with vehicles and on foot. On command, the large group broke into their assigned squads and quickly boarded buses in a maneuver that totally surprised and upset the pigs. The crowd then proceeded to the scene of the incident which was several miles from the business area where they were demonstrating. At the scene, the street was blocked with bodies and a rally was held. It was clear that the neighborhood was boiling with barely suppressed rage at the execution that many had witnessed.

A Tribunal was held in the street a couple of days later at which a preliminary hearing was conducted. Prominent activist

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1,000,000 Mumia support letters go to Washington, DC.

Speakers whipped up enthusiasm as bus after bus disgorged crowds of out-of-town participants. The large gathering stepped off to the sound of spirited drumming with banners and posters calling for justice for Mumia. At the speaker's stand in front of the Justice Building speakers were loud in their denunciation of the justice department for failing to speak out about the violation of Mumia's human and constitutional rights by prison authorities and the courts.

Rev. Lucius Walker who had just completed a 93 days fast against governments confiscation of 400 computers intended for Cuba, drew sustained cheers from the throng as he poured vitriol on the heads of governmental officials for their oppressive activities against people of good will. Pam Africa and Safiyah Bukhari spoke out against injustices to Mumia. Mumia's son spoke movingly on behalf of his imprisoned father.

At three o'clock the crowd moved toward the main entrance of the building to hand the million letters over to Janet Reno, only to find that the building security police refused to allow anyone into the building. Although tempers flared at this flaunting of the agreed arrangements for delivery of the letters, the crowd was kept calm by the leaders. After more than an hour of discussions between the security and the demonstration leaders, a compromise was worked out. A cart was brought out of the building and the boxes of letters were stacked carefully by the people assigned this task. And what had the apparent makings of an ugly scene ended on a calm note. Again, intelligence had overcome the asinine

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and jurists like Judge Bruce M. Wright ("Cut-em-loose-Bruce") participated. Eyewitnesses from the working class neighborhood were interviewed publicly and a date was set for a public trial to be held. That trial was held a week later at a very busy intersection about two blocks from the killing. It was terrific. Hundreds of people thronging the streets, people getting on and off buses were drawn to the scene of the trial. Pigs were everywhere, on rooftops, mingling with the crowd in plainclothes and just simply acting like the swine they are. The trial went off beautifully. Attorney Michael Warren acted as the judge. Attorney Roger Wareham acted as the prosecuting attorney. The pigs had been invited to appear and give testimony, but of course they didn't.

After a thorough airing of the evidence and testimony of eyewitnesses, the case was handed to the jury. The jury was the crowd of people who were following the proceedings closely. Ballots were distributed, collected and counted. The verdict was 312 guilty and 2 not guilty. The sentencing of the 3 pigs who were on trial will be announced at a rally to be held this week at the same location. In the meantime organizing is continuing in the community aimed at keeping the pressure on the city officials and keeping the anger of the people focused towards combating the alarming increase of pig terror and brutality in the Black communities across the country. A long hot

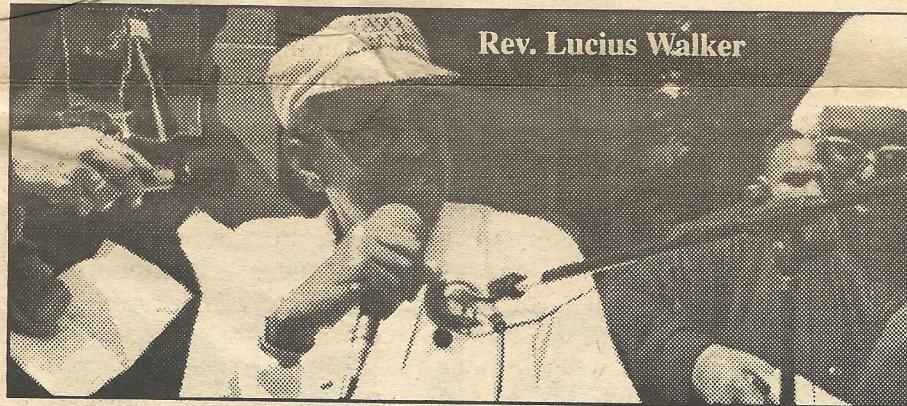
summer has been predicted for New York City and the situation is so tense that the People's Grassroots Movement has formed a community self-defense brigade called the Odinga-Carson Community Self-Defense Brigade. The Brigade took its name from Sekou Odinga who is a political prisoner and former Black Liberation Army soldier and Sonny Carson a long time street activist.

There is strong community support for the Grassroots Movement as demonstrated by the swelling numbers of people who are volunteering for service in the Brigade. Nationalist awareness is beginning to express itself among the people who are moving in the streets around this incident. There is increasing talk that, "We have to take care of our streets ourselves because the pigs plan to destroy us." And folks who would normally have erupted into a frenzy of destructive acts immediately following the execution have instead maintained a quiet determination to see that this incident does not fade away as it usually does after a short period of letting off steam. The youth were noticeable at the street rallies and one can feel a slow build-up of seething anger which when it explodes will likely go far beyond a short-lived spontaneous eruption.

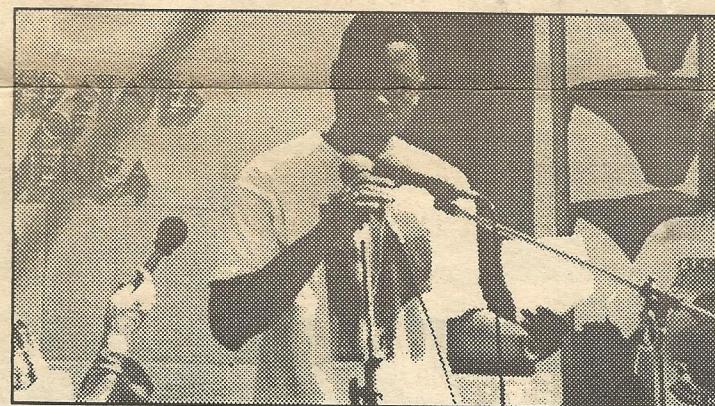
This is just one instance of the growing police violence against our Nation and the word must go out across the land that we are "Takin' back the hood."

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behavior of government minions who have no respect or sympathy for the masses of people who have assembled peacefully to petition the u.s. government. A receipt was demanded for the letters and an official of the justice department signed and handed over one.



Rev. Lucius Walker



Mumia's son addresses the hundreds of supporters at the Justice Dept. headquarters.

From Babylons dungeons

ZIYON YISRAYAH WINS TEMPORARY REPRIEVE

Indianapolis - Ziyon Yisrayah who was convicted on charges of killing an Indianapolis police officer was granted a temporary stay of execution by the U.S. Supreme Court. This stay is not expected to result in the Supreme Court ordering a new trial, according to Attorney Andy Maternowski who is Ziyon's attorney.

According to the evidence, it was impossible for Ziyon or his partner who was also charged with the murder, and who was executed in 1994, to have fired the shot that killed the officer. A team of police had gone to Ziyon's apartment to serve a warrant. Words ensued between the men and the cops and gunfire broke out. An autopsy later showed that the officer who was facing Ziyon and his partner during the gunfire was killed by a bullet coming from behind him. Obviously, he was the victim of friendly fire from his back-up team. Atty. Maternowski is urging a mass letter writing cam-

paign to the governor of Indiana asking him to grant clemency to Ziyon. Protest messages should be sent to these addresses: Governor Evan Bayh, State House (suite 200), 200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN. 46204. Phone # 317-232-4567, Fax 232-3443, E-mail: "Governor's Mailroom" - GOVMAIL(@gwnet.isd.state.in.us).

ACTION ALERT CALLED Repression of Prisoners by Indiana State Prison System

On May 20, 1996 an investigation was launched at Indiana State Prison against Shaka Shakur #28443, Armon Sylvester #16091 and Akono Belamy #86213. Those three along with seven others were transferred to the control unit MCC Westville on June 6, 1996, and are still there.

On Thursday, June 6, 10 prisoners were transferred from the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, Indiana to the Maximum Control Complex in Westville,

Indiana, in advance of the planned execution of Ziyon Yisrayah. The transfer was to be only temporary, It was only to "keep the peace" until the execution was over. Each of the prisoners were to be transferred back to Michigan City after the execution.

Thankfully, the execution did not take place, as Ziyon won a stay. Unfortunately, the 10 prisoners who were transferred have now been charged with a variety of class A and class B offenses within the prison system in Indiana. These are very serious charges and totally unfounded. If the prisoners are convicted at the Conduct Review Hearing, they could not only have their parole dates delayed, but they could receive up to 12 years in the "supermax."

Eight people have just received their formal charges and, as expected, they're trash. Shaka seems to be the hardest hit, being labeled as a leader of the Black Gangster Disciples and the mastermind behind a supposed planned takeover of D-Cell House at ISP.

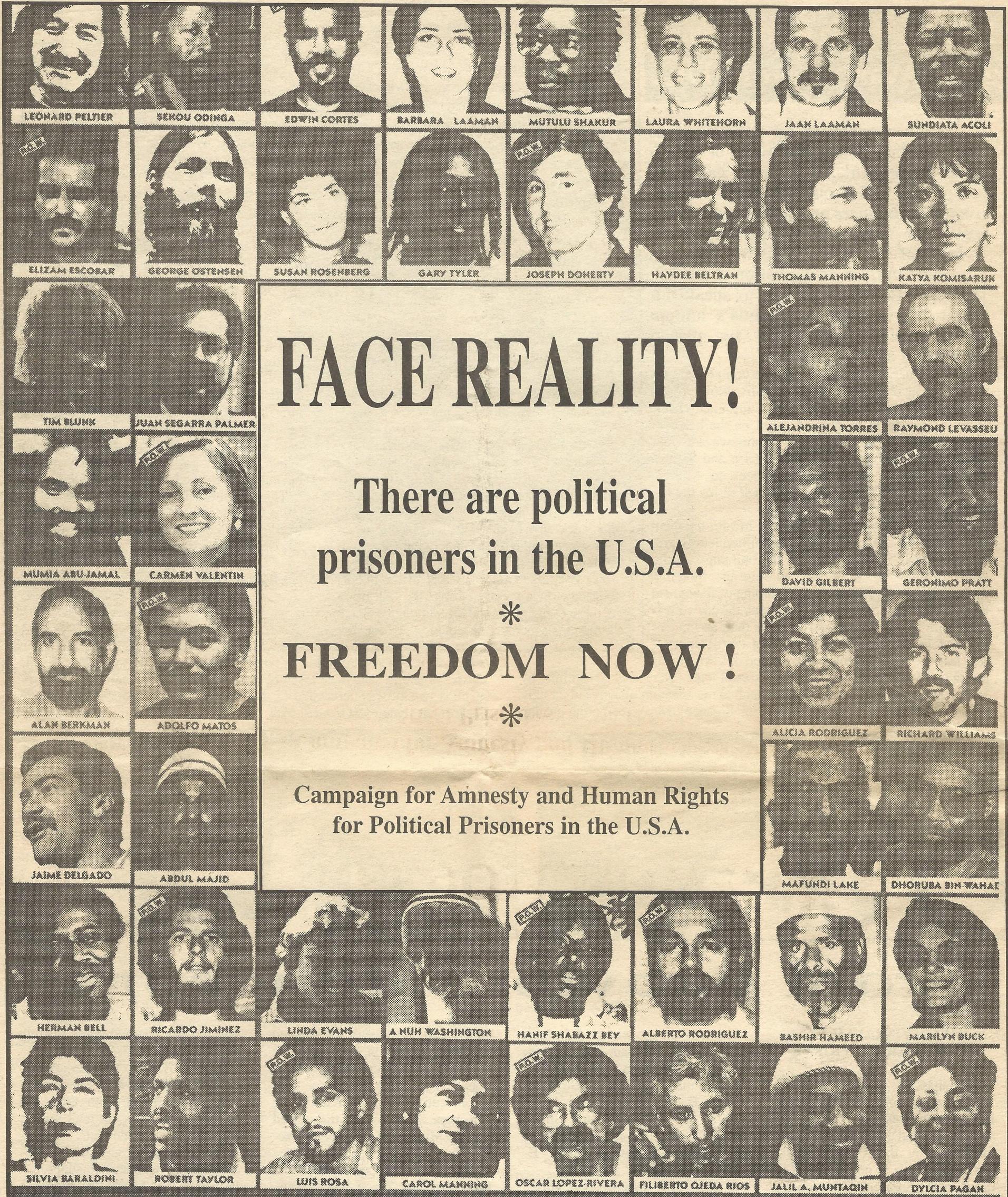
He is also charged with making death threats to prison guards.

Shaka says these charges are fabrications and the details of the formal charge agree with that. The charges rest solely on mail sent to Shaka and "confidential informants." One of these supposed confidential informants also supposedly stated that Shaka was planning to lead the takeover of D-Cell House during afternoon chow. One problem here — there is no afternoon chow in D-Cell House. They get sack lunches delivered to their cells !

The charges implicate others for supposedly having meetings with gang leaders to find out if they would support the action for Ziyon.

These charges could lead to 5-year extensions on their sentences — all to be served either at MCC or the SHU down south.

These brothers need your support. Free all political prisoners and POWs!



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